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Sermon: Mother's Legacy of Faith – Week 3 of People you meet – The Mentor

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:5; 2 Timothy 3:14-15 (NKJV)

Main Message – Honoring the Moms who sacrifice by mentoring those under their care in faith. A story of Eunice and Lois for Mother's day.

As a very young child, I remember my mother teaching me to say my prayers before bed. I had one of those kids Bibles filled with pictures. I remember her telling me that God is in all things. I'd ask silly questions, Like, is God in that picture up there, or in that glass? She said, "Yes, God is in all things." I have never drifted away from belief in God, though I did go through some years of not serving Him faithfully or Him entering in my thoughts daily. Thankfully, the majority of my life has been recognizing that basic truth my mother taught me, "God is in all Things." She probably could never have guessed I'd be this guy here today, but there was a seed, some groundwork, that I always could draw upon because of my Mom. Thanks Mom.

We think of Jesus and his apostles, as well as Paul who wrote much of the New testament, men that were great spiritual leaders. However, today I give all of us, especially mothers, that there was a foundation of understanding and mentoring given to many. Without them, history would paint a different story.

Timothy, a young man, How did he get chosen by Paul? He had the proper foundation with which to work. **Read 2 Timothy 1:5.** Eunice carried on the fine tradition learned by her mother, Lois to pass along the truth of God. Paul would have had to search for another worthy helper if Timothy had not the foundation. **Read vs. 6-10.**

Timothy became a leader in the faith. His mother created him the same legacy of faith gotten from her mother. I'm quite certain it wasn't just a one off thing, but a lifestyle that influences the next generation to our benefit.

Read 2nd Timothy 3:14-17

Timothy, even from youth knew of God. He had that foundation. Mothers are often times the one that bring that basic knowledge to children and that is foundational. I am certain that there are some Mom's that did the right thing, but things haven't turned out like they thought they should. Well, I will remind you that my mother would never have guessed I'd be here today. So don't give up. Praying, continuing in mentorship even if they are adults will give them what they need when they need it.

Read Acts 16:1-5

Timothy learned from his mothers, was discipled by Paul, and was a vital part of establishing the faith through growth of churches and in teaching the principles of our Lord.